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SEEK PAVING OF CABRILLO

New Features Are Added To This Year's Flower Show

INCREASE PRIZE LIST

Legion Announces Several Awards for Varieties Not Shown Last Year

ARE EASY TO RAISE

Phlox, Pot Marigolds, Early Cosmos, Larkspur, Transvaal Daisies Are Listed

There are several varieties of flowers on the prize list for this year's Legion Flower Show that were not on the list last year and most of these varieties were not represented at all last year.

Of course it is too late now to plant the roots of the perennial phlox but if you already have them growing in your garden give them special care and when they start to bloom in late July shade them partially from the sun to keep their fine color from fading a bit and enter them in the show.

Calendula is too old fashioned a flower to need a word but it seems that because it is an old favorite some forget about it when planting their gardens.

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Observations

Save the Beaches Bill Deserves Support of All Californians—Save Our State—Long Strand of Gold—San Diego Man in Plea

By W. HAROLD KINGSLEY

EVERY Californian should be interested in the Save-the-Beaches bill upon which the state legislature will take action soon.

THE ocean must be free. The people must have access to it, and our Save-the-Beaches Bill will go a long way toward insuring this," state the proponents of Assembly Bill No. 28 which is now before the legislature.

Of California's one thousand miles of ocean front, only thirty-five miles is publicly owned. Increasingly the public is being barred from access to the ocean where the foreshore is privately owned.

A similar situation exists at many other beaches, and the encroachment of private beach clubs, private homes, and private preserves, with barb wire fences continues to increase, with the time near at hand when the beaches for the most part will be for the exclusive use of a few of the more privileged.

FORTUNATELY one county in the state, San Diego, has found a way to deal with this situation in such a manner as to benefit the people the privileges of access to the ocean.

"We have proved in San Diego County that the owners and subdividers who set aside the roadway profit most of all, proponent of the measure declare. The adjoining lots have a better perspective and front toward the ocean, and all other lots in the subdivision become waterfront lots, at least to the extent of forever retaining access to the ocean for scenic and recreational purposes.

CALIFORNIA'S greatest wealth is not in her oil, farm lands, or industry. Her chief riches will be found to be in the variety and extent of her outstanding scenic and recreational resources, and the greatest of these are her ocean beaches.

THE danger is that we may not act in time to prevent its private monopoly and development. Already certain sections of the state are being obliged to purchase "beep holes" through which the people may look out on the unfathomable ocean surf.

ON the other hand the conservation of the scenic and recreational assets represented in our ocean front will create untold economic values which will be shared by every property owner in the state.

THE bill pending in the legislature reads as follows: SECTION 1. A new section to be numbered section 54 is hereby added to the act entitled "An act requiring the recording of subdivisions of land into lots for the purpose of sale, and prescribing the conditions on which such maps may be recorded, and prohibiting the selling or offering for sale of land by reference to said maps unless the same are recorded," approved March 15, 1907, as amended, to read as follows:

SECTION 54. Whenever any map is filed as in this act provided embracing any tract or subdivision of land bounded on any side, or in any way, by the ocean, or by an inlet, bay, estuary, or arm of an ocean, without any offer to dedicate upon such map or plan, an easement or right of way for a street, roadway or promenade along such ocean front, or arm of the ocean front, established above but as close as may be practicable to the ordinary high tide line, with streets leading to said streets, roadways, or promenades all of said streets, roadways or promenades having connecting byways and open to the ordinary high tide line the board of supervisors, common council or other approving body shall withhold its approval of any such map until such easements or rights of way for street, streets, roadways, promenades, shall have been acquired by the board of supervisors, common council or other approving body by condemnation, purchase, gift or other legal means, and no such map shall be approved or recorded until such rights of way have been acquired by dedication or by condemnation, purchase, gift or other legal means nor until all lands lying between said streets, roadways or promenades and for the public for the purpose of public access to the sea for the national defense for the use of coast guard, life savers, public park or playgrounds or for any other public purpose or purposes; provided, further, that the board of supervisors must first approve said street, roadway or promenade as to the width and the naming thereof before any subdivision map or plat for filing with the county recorder as herein provided which does not contain any such street, roadway or promenade purposes where, in the judgment of said boards of supervisors, it does not seem desirable and expedient to have the same within the confines of that particular subdivision; provided, however, that nothing herein contained shall be construed to apply to or affect any area bounded on any side or in any way by the ocean or by an inlet, bay, estuary or arm of an ocean which is intended to be used or is being used for industrial sites."

COLUMBIA TO BUY TRACT

Future Steel Plant Expansion Seen in Street Vacant Request

34 ACRES IN PROPERTY

Company Will Buy if Portion of Street is Opened

That the Columbia Steel Corporation is planning future expansion in Torrance on the 34 acres of land lying just north of the company's holdings and east of Arlington avenue was indicated Tuesday night when J. C. Smith presented to the council a request for the vacation of a portion of 26th street which flanks the property on the south.

The 34 acres in question is owned by the Dominguez Land Corporation and it is understood that an agreement as to terms of its sale to the Columbia has been reached, the sale, however, being dependent on the proposed vacation.

City Engineer Leonard pointed out that several franchises have been granted on 26th street and the council instructed Mr. Smith to secure from these franchise holders written agreements to the proposed vacation before formal application for the vacating proceedings is made.

Mayor Dennis and Councilman Steiner said they wish to do all in their power to encourage industrial expansion but agreed with the engineer and Councilman Wolfe that consent of franchise holders and owners of other property on 26th street should be secured before action is taken. The proposed vacation is from the P. E. right of way to Arlington avenue.

Columbia's plans for development of the 34 acres have not been announced.

To Halt Parking on All P. E. Land

Ordinance Introduced Tuesday Affects Cabrillo and Redondo Blvd.

Parking on Pacific Electric rights of way on Cabrillo and Sartori avenues and Redondo boulevard will be prohibited under the terms of an ordinance introduced at the council meeting Tuesday night by Councilman Steiner.

In commenting on the ordinance Tuesday Mr. Steiner pointed out that the no-parking restriction on Cabrillo was a compromise measure to keep the railway company from erecting barricades along its right of way. He added that if parking is to be prohibited along its right of way it is only fair to establish the same restriction on Sartori and Redondo boulevard.

The ordinance will come up for final reading at the next meeting.

Local Delegates at Church Rally

A large delegation from Christ Episcopal Sunday school attended the Church School rally at St. Paul's Cathedral, Los Angeles, Sunday afternoon. At this time the money which had been collected in the mite boxes during Lent amounting to \$1,184.20, was presented. This money is to be used for missionary work both in America and foreign lands.

INDUSTRIAL LEADER PRAISES HOME BUYING MOVEMENT

Home buying stimulates home prosperity. Every dollar which leaves your home town swells the bankroll of someone far away. Every dollar spent at home stays there to remain in circulation and come back, at least in part, to the original spender.

That these statements are sound, is indicated by the practice of the Southland's largest corporations of making all possible purchases in the area where they operate. Large industries make few economic mistakes. They cannot afford to. By the same reasoning, neither can the individual.

C. W. Koiner, district manager of the Southern California Edison Company, in a letter to The Torrance Herald voices praise for the home-buying movement under way in Torrance. He declares that his office makes all purchases possible in this district. Mr. Koiner's letter follows:

Mr. W. Harold Kingsley, Torrance Herald, Torrance, California.

Dear Mr. Kingsley: The article appearing on the front page of the Torrance Herald of April 11th, entitled "Will You Respond?" certainly is a splendid appeal to patronize our own merchants, manufacturers and producers in our own district. This area is suffering from the lack of patronage by its own people. Everything should be done to bring about patronage of our own producers and merchants by citizens of this section.

I am happy to state that our company is making a practice of purchasing everything it can within the district it serves, whenever it is possible to do so.

If we could only realize that when we spend our money among ourselves that in the passing of the dollar from one to the other some of it always sticks, therefore, we all get a part of it for the service we render each other.

Most sincerely, C. W. KOINER, District Manager.

John Young Reaches Semi-Finals in Oratorical Contest by Win at Elimination Event Friday

John Young, Torrance High School Junior brought credit to himself, his city and his school last Friday night when he won the Constitutional oratorical elimination contest at Banning High School in Wilmington. The Torrance lad competed with orators from Bell, Washington, Narbonne, Jacob Hills, Banning and Jordan high schools.

Cheering him with the fervor of fans at a football game were 80 students from Torrance, the largest delegation present from any school outside of Wilmington.

By virtue of his victory Friday John Young moves up to the semi-finals which will be held at Roosevelt high school Friday night, April 26. In this contest will compete orators from Belmont High, Los Angeles, Woodrow Wilson High, Long Beach, Warren G. Harding High at Los Angeles, San Pedro High, Roosevelt High and Santa Monica high.

The winner of the semi-finals will move up to the Los Angeles Times Southern California finals to be held May 3. The winner of the Times contest will compete in the state finals.

Masons Invite Public to Attend School Night Program Wednesday

Public school night in Torrance will be celebrated at the high school auditorium Wednesday night, April 24, under the auspices of Torrance Lodge No. 447, Free and Accepted Masons. The grand lodge has designated next week as National Education Week and the program here is part of a nation wide Masonic movement to bring the public into more close contact with the public schools and to foster among Americans an appreciation of what the public schools mean to civilization.

The public is invited and urged to attend the meeting here, which will open promptly at 8 o'clock.

Will Top Trees on Cedar Avenue

Street Superintendent Gascolgne was authorized by the council Tuesday night to purchase equipment necessary to top the tall trees on Cedar avenue. Requests that the trees be topped have been numerous.

NEW PLAN SENT TO P. E.

Leonard Letter Proposes Joint Use of Paved Right of Way

COMPANY CONSIDERING Scheme of Council Would Make Condemnation of Land Unnecessary

That the Cabrillo avenue problem arising out of ownership of its right of way by the Pacific Electric Railway company may be solved without recourse to condemnation proceedings is the hope of members of the city council in a proposal to quote Mr. Leonard's letter was as follows:

"Representatives of the company recently arrived in Torrance with orders to barricade the right of way to prevent parking of cars on the property. City officials immediately told the P. E. men that the city would prohibit parking on the right of way if the barricades were not erected.

Acting under instructions from the council City Engineer Leonard then wrote a letter to the company suggesting action which would settle the long-standing problem. This proposal to quote Mr. Leonard's letter was as follows:

"The council, speaking for the city, is in hopes that some arrangement might be worked out by the railroad company, whereby the city might join with the railroad company without condemnation proceedings in the use of that portion of the right of way extending from the part already used in common in front of the depot to Carson street. The city to bear the expense of paving the entire width of the right of way and through its police powers to confine the crossing of the right of way to the street intersections already graded.

"This permanent paving would for all time remove the one serious condition whereby sand is constantly blown from the right of way into the stores and offices."

In reply to Mr. Leonard's letter the company in a letter declared that the request "will be investigated" and that the "matter of barricades" would be deferred "until a decision is reached concerning the proposed paving."

Auxiliary Drill Team to Conduct Ceremony in L.A.

The drill team of the Torrance unit of the American Legion Auxiliary will perform their first official duties when they officiate at the initiation and installation of officers for the new Welshir unit Friday night.

The ceremony will take place at Patriotic hall, Los Angeles. Those who will officiate are Dorothy Harder, president of the Torrance unit; Nora Deinger, 1st vice; Mattilda Sager, 2nd vice; Corlissa Reeve, past president; Phyllis Budge, Chaplain; Ethel Birkdull, sergeant at arms. On the drill team are Mary Harder, Helen Leslie, Alma Smith, Cleora Stanger, May Howe, Myrtle Schumacher, Olive Cook, Ethel Bowker, Clara Bessie Darling, Bessie Myers, Clara Conner and musician, Clara Baxter.

BILL THE BARBER SAYS

A MATRIMONIAL AGENCY IS USUALLY A MALE-ORDER BUSINESS

BOOST SHOW FEES Councilman G. A. R. Steiner introduced an ordinance which would increase circus and traveling show licenses in Torrance. Fees now are \$25 a ring or \$25 a day for any tent show. The new ordinance doubles the fees.

Since the days of Queen Elizabeth Englishmen, lovers of tennis, have paid a tax on their favorite beverage. Wherefore the announcement of Winston Churchill, Chancellor of the Exchequer, that the government has decided to abolish the tea tax is popular throughout the length and breadth of the light little islands. The banishment of the 300-year old tax was taken by Britons as the first gun in the Conservatives' election campaign.

The Prince of Wales, with a thumb done up in a bandage listened for an hour and a half to the Chancellor's dry address, which, however, was interspersed with digressions for which Winston Churchill is famous. Removal of the tax will cut the price of tea four pence a pound.

Florida fruit growers are justly alarmed at the discovery in orchards of two counties of the destructive Mediterranean fruit fly. The state has prohibited the shipment of fruits from the infested region and is taking steps toward eradication of the pest.

Babe Ruth, home run king of the New York Yankees hurried into the marriage license bureau, took out a license to wed Mrs. Claire Hodgson, former prize winning beauty of Georgia and ex-stepper on the stage of the Ziegfeld follies. The bride-to-be was, with the Bambino. He shuffled, blushed, bashfully stated his wants. Wednesday morning at 5:30 the two were wed while most of New York slept.

At the Birth Control Clinic Bureau in New York women listened to talks on contraception. Pamphlets were distributed. Police arrived. Dr. Hanha Stone, Dr. Elizabeth Plisont, Antoinette Field, Sideri Brestwell, Marcella Field, were arrested for asserted violation of the penal code. Birth control advocates planned to fight the case against the women.

Federal Trade Commissioner W. E. Humphrey told the convention of the American Zinc Institute that millions of dollars are being illicitly obtained by fakers in the United States through advertising announcing "cures" for fatness and baldness. Mr. Humphrey said many publishers have promised to cooperate in fighting the fakes by refusing to publish advertising directed to the commission. He threatened against non-cooperating publishers.

Congress convened Monday in extraordinary session, called by President Hoover to consider farm relief and tariff revision. Republicans hope to prevent consideration anything else. Democrats announced their intention to bring up other matters, including flood control. A fight loomed. Observers waited with interest to see how the president would stand up to the job of "handling" his Congress.

Rules of the senate permit a member to discuss or make motions about anything in the world. Republican leaders therefore expect considerable action from the Democratic side.

After existing for almost two weeks on rotting beams, snails boiled in salt water, rots, Capt. Charles E. Kingsford-Smith, hero of the Southern Cross trans-Pacific flight and his three companions were located in their disabled ship in the unpopulated bush of interior Australia. They had been given up for lost. A searching plane saw them, dropped food, returned to report, went back, rescued the party. They were taken to Sidney where they told marvellous Australian tales of hardships. They were terribly emaciated, almost starved.

New owners of the Leviathan, largest liner flying the stars and stripes, announced that on the big ship's west bound trip from Europe liquor would be sold to passengers. They also declared that thereafter when the ship was bound for Europe medicinal liquor would be sold. Prohibition enforcement men at Washington are said to have declared that it would be legal for the ship to dispense liquor on its way from Europe to New York, but that the ship would not be allowed to enter the American port with liquor aboard, even in bond, and that none could be taken aboard while the ship is in harbor. A test case loomed. Owners of other American ships, competing with wet ships flying flags of other nations, were intensely interested.

Former President Calvin Coolidge has accepted a place on the directorate of the New York Life Insurance Company. He will fill the vacancy caused by the death of Myron T. Herrick, late ambassador to France. He will be paid \$50 and travelling expenses every time the directorate meets.

Because Charles G. Dawes is a former vice president of the United States, President Hoover's question as to Dawes' acceptability as ambassador to Great Britain was taken not to the government but to the king. Immediately George V declared Mr. Dawes acceptable. London papers praised the appointment, published "hands-across-the-sea" editorials.

Texas Guinan, blonde, witty, pretty, faced a jury of 12 men in Federal Court. She was charged with (Continued on Page 6)